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1. CABINET CHANGES ANNOUNCED ON ZANZIBAR RADIO AND TELEVISION NIGHT OF JUNE 29. AS ANTICIPATED, NUMBER OF MINISTRIES WAS REDUCED FROM 19 TO 13. NINE MINISTERS NO LONGER HOLD POSITIONS: OF THESE, SEVEN ARE MEMBERS OF ZANZIBAR S REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. ONLY THREE MINISTERS REMAINED IN THE SAME MINISTRY. FIVE MINISTERS WERE GIVEN NEW MINISTERS, TWO JUNIOR MINISTERS WERE NAMED MINISTERS AND THREE NEW PEOPLE WERE BROUGHT IN AS MINISTERS, ONE OF WHOM IS ALSO ZANZIBAR TOWNSS ELECTED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

2. NEW DESIGNATIONS ARE BEING USED: ZANZIBAR NOW HAD DEPUTY MINISTERS INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUS JUNIOR MINISTERS AND ASSISTANTS RATHER THAN PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES. ALTHOUGH PREVIOUSLY ALL MINISTRIES HAD JUNIOR MINISTERS ONLY FIVE OF THE PRESENT 13 HAVE DEPUTY MINISTERS.

4. FOLLOWING IS THE NEW LIST OF MINISTERS:
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MINISTER OF STATE, OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (FORMERLY OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT (OF ZANZIBAR):
MAJOR HAJI KHAMIS MLINDE (NO CHANGE)

MINISTER OF FINANCE: RAMADHANI HAMADI HALIKA (FORMERLY MINISTER OF INTERNAL TRADE

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MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ABDULRAHMAN RASHID (FORMERLY JUNIOR MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE)

MINISTER OF INDUSTRY: MOHAMED FAKIH (FORMERLY JUNIOR MINISTER OF INDUSTRY)

MINISTER OF COMMERCE (A COMBINATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL TRADE AND MINISTRY OF INTERNAL TRADE): JAMAL RAMADHAN NASIB (ALSO ZANZIBAR TOWN S ELECTED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT)

MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND TOURISM (A COMBINATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINISTRY OF OCEANS AND FISHERIES, MINISTRY OF PORTS AND SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF TOURISM, HOTELS AND RECREATION CENTERS): SAID IDDI BAVUAI (FORMERLY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE)

MINISTER OF EDUCATION: SEIF SHARIF HAMADI (NO CHANGE)

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE: THABIT KOMBO (FORMERLY MINISTER OF INDUSTRY)

MINISTER OF LANDS, CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING: KASSIM ALI (NO CHANGE) MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (ROADS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, WORKS): MAKAME USSI MACHANO (NEW, FORMERLY A POLICE OFFICER)

MINISTER OF WATER, POWER AND MINERALS: VUAI AMME (NEW, BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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PREVIOUS CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE FUEL AND POWER COMMITTEE)

MINISTER OF INFORMATION, BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION: HAMID AMEIR (FORMERLY MINISTER OF PORTS AND SHIPPING)

MINISTER OF SPORTS AND CULTURE: EDINGTON KISSASSI (FORMERLY MINISTER OF TOURISM)

4. THE MINISTRY OF STATE, A LINKAGE OFFICE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR AND THE UNION GOVERNMENT, WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND APPARENTLY IS NO LONGER CONSIDERED A ZANZIBAR GOVERNMENT MINISTRY , BUT IS INSTEAD A MINISTRY OF THE UNION GOVERNMENT. IT WILL, HOWEVER, CONTINUE OPERATING AS BEFORE, WITH ALI MZEE AS MINISTER OF STATE.

5. THE MINISTRIES OF PEOPLE S EQUALITY AND OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT WERE ABOLISHED. IT IS EXPECTED THAT A DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT WILL BE CREATED IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT (OF ZANZIBAR) AND THAT PERHAPS ALI SALUM AHMED, THE FORMER MINISTER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT WILL HEAD THAT DEPARTMENT.

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7. FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO DIRECTORS OF OTHER GOVERNMENT COMMITTEES, THE TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS, FACTORIES AND ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION ARE EXPECTED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. FURTHER CHANGES AND THE LIST OF DEPUTY MINISTERS AND ASSISTANTS WILL BE REPORTED BY AIRGRAM.

8. COMMENT: THE MOOD IN TOWN IS PRIMARILY ONE OF RELIEF THAT THE CHANGES WERE ANNOUNCED AND THAT THE SUSPENSE OF ANTICIPATION IS FINALLY OVER. ZANZIBARIS SEEM TO BE ACCEPTING THE CHANGES WITH THEIR CUSTOMARY PHLEGMATIC CALM. THEY WILL WAIT TO BE SHOWN WHAT RESULTS, IF ANY, THE PERSONNEL CHANGES WILL BRING ABOUT.
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